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## Candlelight Rally At State Capitol March 11 Honors Memory of Homophobia Victims

By TIM WARFORD

With the sounds of the St. Patrick's Day parade drifting over from its route two blocks away, 100 men and women gathered on the west steps of the Capitol for a candlelight rally on March 11 to pay tribute to those who have died or suffered from homophobic oppression.

During the hour-long ceremony, the crowd heard speeches which ranged from sad memories to calls for action to light comedy celebrating gay lifestyles.

Jerry Sloan, a gay activist minister, recalled the deaths of several people, some by their own hands and some at the hands of others.

Cleve Jones, administrative assistant to Assemblymember Art Agnos, talked about the experience of seeing San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk's bullet-ridden body.

"It's funny he's become a saint. He was just an ordinary man. He was a pushy New York faggot who fought back," Jones told the crowd.

Milk and Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by former Supervisor Dan White in their San Francisco City Hall offices on Nov. 27, 1978.

Psychiatrist Elizabeth Harrison talked about the results of a study she did on queer bashing. She described the attackers typically as male teenagers who travel in groups and choose single victims. Most attacks occurred in a five-block area surrounding the triangle formed by three bars on 20th and 21st Streets between I and L Streets.

Harrison noted that gay people are beginning to fight back and watch out for each other. She told the group, "The worst place to go gay bashing is in Lavender Heights. Gays won't tolerate it and will fight back."

Ruth Flenoy, former director of the state's Port of Entry Project, told the crowd that gay people are legal and made light of Queen Elizabeth II's recent visit to Sacramento.

As musician Ty Chanson led the singing of "We Shall Overcome," the speakers lit the audience's candles and those in attendance called out the names of loved ones and friends who died from homophobia.

The candlelight rally was held in conjunction with the Western Regional Lesbian and Gay Students conference, and was sponsored by more than 23 local gay and lesbian organizations.\*



Star Photo by Katie Tavares

Speakers Elizabeth Harrison (left) and Cleve Jones listen to another speaker during the candlelight rally on the west steps of the Capitol, and remember friends who suffered or died as a result of homophobia. About 100 persons attended the rally.

## Ways & Means Sends AB1 To Assembly Floor In 12-6 Vote

The Assembly Ways and Means Committee passed Assembly Bill 1 by a vote of 12 to 6 today.

AB1, authored by Assemblymember Art Agnos (D-San Francisco), would prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

According to Agnos' aide Cleve Jones, the bill now goes to the full Assembly for a vote. Jones expects it to be brought to the floor in about a month.

Jones and other AB1 backers again emphasized the need for constituents of Assemblymember Jean Moorhead to write and telephone her in support of the bill. After an early indication that she would support it, they said, Moorhead now says she has made up her mind and refuses to meet with pro-AB1 groups. She represents the 5th District, including Folsom, Citrus Heights, Roseville, and surrounding areas.

Assemblymember Tom Hannigan of the 4th District, who represents Yolo County, voted in favor of AB1. Hannigan is the only Sacramento-area legislator on the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Before the Ways and Means vote, on March 21 representatives of religious

organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union, and women's organizations, along with Sacramento City Councilor Dave Shore, joined together for a news conference supporting AB1.

Michelle Collins of the Sacramento Chapter of the National Organization for Women stated "our support for this legislation stems from our conviction that human rights are indivisible. . . . Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation both denies basic human rights to a sizable minority of the population and robs society of the talents and resources of productive and useful members."

She continued, "All of the great struggles in history have required extraordinary efforts by people dedicated to eliminating prejudice, ignorance, and fear."

The Rev. Merrill Follansbee, assistant pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, read from a statement adopted by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. "We call on United Presbyterians to reject in their own lives and challenge in others the sin of homophobia which drives homosexual persons away from Christ and his church."

Speaking on behalf of the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church's Division of Church and Society was the Rev. Virginia Hilton, pastor of Albany United Methodist Church.

"We believe," she stated, "that discrimination for reasons of sexual orientation—like other forms of bigotry and prejudice—is not only illogical

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### You Can Work For The Star

As The Star prepares to enter its second year of fortnightly publication, we are looking for ways to improve our coverage of and service to the gay and lesbian community of the greater Sacramento area.

Specifically, we are looking for people who would like to join the staff of this progressive, professional newspaper.

- A distribution person to deliver The Star to distribution places when it is published every two weeks. You need a car, and it helps if you're outgoing and like dealing with people. A stipend will cover expenses.

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If you want to join our team, give us a call at 452-1476. Leave your name, number, and message, and we'll get back to you.\*



# OPINION

## Racism, Sexism Mar Gay Press Association Meeting

The Gay Press Association held its Western Regional Conference in San Francisco on the weekend of March 11-13.

It was an enjoyable and valuable occasion for meeting with and learning from others engaged in publishing news, opinion, entertainment, and other information for the lesbian and gay community.

It was also the occasion for quite a shock: the experience and realization of the racism and sexism still widespread, even institutionalized, in our communities and our press.

About 90 writers, editors, publishers, graphic artists, photographers, ad sales people, and others connected with gay and lesbian newspapers registered for the conference, more than twice as many as the organizers had expected.

Only about ten percent were black. Even fewer were Asian or Hispanic.

We know from experience that something is very wrong with these proportions. So where were our black, Asian, Hispanic sisters and brothers?

The conference organizers said that they had notified all members of the GPA in the western states, and had asked those members to inform anyone else who might be interested. They seemed to think that this was good enough.

Yet the results reflected the pervasive racism of not just the gay population, but of our entire society. Because our institutions, especially "professional" institutions like press associations, have traditionally been white-dominated, it is imperative that we make special efforts to inform, attract, and welcome our colleagues of all races and ethnic backgrounds.

To do otherwise is to collaborate in the continuation of the racist policies that have been a shame to humankind for generations. As a minority group working for equal rights and for acceptance, it is especially important for gay men and lesbians to demonstrate our belief in equal rights and acceptance for all oppressed peoples, and to work for their rights along with our own.

As several women representing Onyx, an East Bay publication for black lesbians, eloquently said, the

organizers of the conference should have made special efforts to invite and to welcome people of color to the conference. They should have planned one or more workshops dealing with issues of race and color. They should have sought out people of color to be on the organizing committee.

All it would have required was a little research to find the publications and the people, and a few telephone calls to extend the invitation.

But more importantly, it would have taken the consciousness to recognize the racism inherent in the GPA as it is presently constituted, and the conviction that something should be done to rectify it.

Many of the same criticisms apply to the sexism of the conference and the GPA, with one major difference: many women attended the conference and are GPA members.

Probably 30 to 40 percent of the people at the conference were women.

None of the national GPA officers present was a woman. Neither of the conference co-chairs was a woman. Only one of the nine workshop moderators was a woman. Only five out of 33 workshop panelists were women. None of the women on the workshop panels was non-white.

This evident sexism was further demonstrated in the language used again and again by men in the workshops. Almost invariably, publishers and editors and writers and photographers were referred to as "he." And the demonstrator of the GPA computer wire news service, GPA President Joe DiSabato, repeatedly cited lack of "manpower" as the reason the system had not progressed as fast as had originally been predicted.

The conclusion is clear: the men who put the meeting together regard women and women's issues as peripheral, separate from "gay issues."

This is stupidly short-sighted and irresponsible. Women and gay people are oppressed for many of the same reasons. We should share the same struggle.

The sexism of gay men is just as intolerable as the sexism of straight men—perhaps more so, because having suffered from that sexism themselves, gay men should know better.

Again, it would have required only a little extra thought and a little extra effort to have done something about this blatant sexism.

And one of the great benefits of putting forth that extra thought and making that extra effort is that every time you do it, less "extra" is required. It becomes the natural, accepted, "right" way of doing things.

And it reaps a rich harvest—of

cooperation, of respect, of understanding, of achievement, of accomplishment. Of all the things that a professional organization with political and social goals—like the Gay Press Association—should stand for.

We think that the GPA has a lot to offer and can accomplish much. But we are convinced that some of these intrinsic weaknesses must first be overcome before it can fully realize its potential for our community.\*

## Tire Slashing Equals Gay Bashing

Editor:

On the morning of March 3, a rather loquacious fellow-customer at the Steamworks told me that several of the cars parked outside had had their tires slashed. He seemed pleased with himself for having received the scoop ahead of me, and was disappointed when I didn't stay around to chat but went bounding off to the office with a feeling of dread.

The desk clerk had made a list of the victim automobiles, and sure enough, my car was among them. There was Vega, my comrade-at-arms, listing sadly to one side, her right rear tire violated by the knife of someone trying to make a senseless statement or repay an old grudge.

Curiously, I was more bewildered than angry. I could not remember having done anything to warrant such an act of aggression. Why would anyone go to the trouble of slashing my tire?

Among the thoughts which occurred to me, this one reared its ugly head: "Perhaps I deserve this for being here, for doing what I am doing, for being who I am."

Perhaps I was not the only one to whom such a thought occurred, for suspended over the annoyed and angry chatter of the desk clerk and patrons was a pall of resignation, as if this sort of thing is to be expected.

It is not difficult to find the roots of such self-destructive thinking. It is

grounded in society's fear of and distaste for gay people. The more difficult task is to discern the effects of such thinking on our lives and to eradicate it.

The idea that we may expect less for ourselves because we are gay is, I believe, at the heart of much that is negative in the gay community. The over-indulgence of many of us in cigarettes and alcohol, and our often frenzied eroticism are perhaps symptomatic of our lowered expectations. The more tragic symptoms can be seen in the lives of gay people who have lost hope, who feel lonely and stranded, who are afraid to be assertive in their lives, careers, or relationships.

Here is my own response to that self-destructive interior voice which has been imposed on me by years of anti-gay socialization. My gayness in no way diminishes my humanity. I share in all the joys, aspirations, and pains which being human entails. When I deny, or allow myself to be denied, any of these things, my own humanity is diminished.

The kind of thought which sees gayness as contrary to one's humanity leads to self-destructive behavior from within and vandalism and violence from outside the gay community. Such thought violates the humanity of all, and I am saddened to have heard its echo once again.

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Photo Special to The Star

Singer Geof Morgan will perform at La Semilla on Saturday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Morgan's music deals with the changing roles of men and women in our society. Tickets are \$4.50. La Semilla is at 312 20th Street.

## Researchers Say Blood Test For AIDS May Be Available Soon, Others Doubt It

Researchers recently reported that a simple test for AIDS may not be far off, and that the disease may be caused by a recently identified human cancer virus, according to an Associated Press report.

In a report presented at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Allan Goldstein of the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. revealed that AIDS patients and those at risk for the disease have higher than normal levels of a hormone called thymosin alpha-1 in their blood.

According to Goldstein, because this hormone can be measured with a simple blood test, it could serve as an inexpensive way to identify people having AIDS or those likely to get it. It could also be used to detect the disease in blood donated for transfusion.

In a telephone interview, Goldstein said, "We think we have an opportunity to provide a useful test for screening blood and blood products. Secondly, if this is an early warning sign for AIDS, it would enable the patients to seek early treatment."

Others studying the disease were cautious about Goldstein's claims, however.

Dr. Thomas Spira, an immunologist and AIDS specialist at the Centers for Disease Control, said more research will be needed before hormone measurement can be used to detect AIDS.

Locally, Dr. Sandy Pomerantz commented that "the finding of elevated thymosin alpha-1 in AIDS patients must be independently confirmed as there have been many other reported findings by reputable research groups which have

failed to be confirmed and hence became of dubious merit.

"As Dr. Spira has commented, further research must be done before this test can be utilized to identify patients with AIDS or anyone 'incubating' AIDS — a process which will require many more months and patients, money and patience."

There is now no simple test for the disease, said Dr. Harold Jaffe of the AIDS task force at the CDC. The complicated tests now in use cost from \$100 to \$600 per patient, he said. The new test would be significantly cheaper, researchers said.

The cause of AIDS is unknown, but the work of Goldstein and his collaborators at several other institutions suggests it might be caused by a newly discovered cancer virus called human T-cell leukemia virus, or HTLV.

The reason is that thymosin alpha-1 levels are elevated in T-cell leukemia, the disease caused by that virus. "I think it's more than a coincidence," Goldstein said.

Thymosin is produced in the thymus gland, a walnut-sized organ lying beneath the breastbone that is the master gland of the immune system, the body's disease-fighting mechanism.

Goldstein and his colleagues found that 70 percent to 80 percent of the AIDS patients they studied had elevated levels of the hormone in their blood.

Even more important was their finding that the hormone was elevated in 60 percent to 70 percent of the people who had been exposed to AIDS but had not yet developed symptoms, Goldstein said. \*

## Singers Linda Allen, Geof Morgan Perform At La Semilla Mar. 25-26

Two of the major figures in the new folk music movement coming out of the Pacific Northwest will be in Sacramento this weekend. Linda Allen performs at La Semilla on Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Geof Morgan sings there at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 26.

Tickets for both concerts will be sold at the door. For Linda Allen's concert they are \$3-\$5, sliding scale. For Geof Morgan, the price is \$4.50. La Semilla Cultural Center is at 312 20th St.

Linda Allen, who started singing Judy Collins and Joan Baez songs in Bay Area coffeehouses in 1969, now focuses her repertoire on historical songs about women's lives and on original songs dealing with modern human issues. She accompanies herself on guitar, dulcimer, autoharp, and spoons.

Allen has recently released her first album, "Mama Wanted To Be A Rainbow Dancer." These original compositions show off the blend of humor, politics, and nostalgia that also characterizes her concerts. The variety of songs, from the celebration of "Here's To The Women" to the anti-macho fun of "I Like Small Men," from the anger of "The Ballad of Lizzie Williams" to the peace of "Circle Me, Sisters," displays the versatility and expressiveness of Allen's voice and artistic imagination.

The album, on which Linda Allen is

backed up by various stringed instruments, percussion, and piano, is beautifully recorded. It is solidly within the emerging tradition of folk-derived, politically and socially aware, "women's music," with a message and appeal for everyone.

"Mama Wanted To Be A Rainbow Dancer" will be on sale at Linda Allen's concert, and is available by mail from Nexus Records, P.O. Box 5881, Bellingham, WA 98227.

New England-born Geof Morgan fell in love with country music and moved to Nashville, where he spent ten years writing songs for the likes of Barbara Mandrell, Ronnie Milsap, and Charlie Pride.

Within the last few years, he has begun making music concerned with the changing roles of men and women in our society. He has recorded two albums and toured all over the U.S. and Canada.

Morgan's music is an unusual blend of country and pop, a meshing of musical styles and social themes. He brings to his shows his special personal warmth and sense of humor.

"I'm excited to be part of a new male voice now emerging in our culture," Morgan says. "It is time for men to share our hurts and joys, gentleness and strength, so that we can better understand ourselves and each other." \*

## AB1 Clears Committee

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cal, but immoral."

City Councilor Dave Shore, who represents the 1st Council District, which includes most of Lavender Heights, said, "This legislation is important. If we are to be truly free, we must protect the freedom of all people in the state."

Shore told reporters that political leaders should take the initiative in areas of basic human rights and act as leaders, not as followers.

The Rev. Glen Homan of the California Church Council said that although the Protestant churches he represents have supported AB1 in the past, they have not aggressively worked for its passage.

This year, he noted, the church council will aggressively work for the bill's passage because its opponents are using the name of Christianity in their work against AB1.

Also appearing at the news confer-

ence were Spencer Fields, representing Roman Catholic Bishop Francis Quinn of Sacramento, Rabbi Lester Frazin of Temple B'nai Israel, Lisa Katz of the California Organization for Women, Daphne Macklin of ACLU, and Carolyn Borne of the National Women's Political Caucus. \*

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# TRAVEL

## Cruising Is Great Way To Get Away From It All, But Not For Everyone

By DALE JANSSEN

Phillipsburg, St. Maarten — The view from here on the deck of the *S.S. Oceanic* is what travel posters and fantasies are made of.

This scene is of clear blue skies, shimmering blue Caribbean waters, and Phillipsburg bay dotted with private yachts.

The sight is a fantasy and so is this week on board a cruise ship.

A fantasy filled with meals seven times a day; dancing in the disco till 3 a.m.; basking in the warm Caribbean sun while your friends are drowning in Sacramento; and enjoying first-run movies and cabaret shows.

Cruising is probably the most hassle-free vacation possible.

You need to unpack only once and you never have to decide where to eat dinner.

There is something here for everyone. For the traveler who likes to keep busy there is something planned from dawn till dusk.

Activities vary from ship to ship, but here on the *Oceanic* you can take golf lessons, attend a bridge lecture, learn Italian, play in the casino, participate in arts and crafts, listen to an investment seminar, or play bingo.

If you like, you can just soak up the sun and do nothing at all.

For the athletic there is a fully equipped gym. You can be sure you will not find me there.

If you like to eat, a cruise is the place to

be. The opportunity to eat seven times a day should satisfy even the most hearty of eaters.

You start the day with breakfast in either your cabin or the dining room; next it is time for mid-morning bouillon, then on to lunch either on the deck or in the dining room. During the afternoon it is time for tea and snacks, then a sumptuous dinner, and you complete the day with a midnight buffet and late-night pizza.

Each dinner is a masterpiece. The Captain's Gala dinner included 26 different items complete with caviar, broiled fresh Nova Scotia salmon, lobster and shrimp newburg, chicken hen in casserole, veal au gratin, prime sirloin steak, and roast smoked pork loins.

I figure I have spent at least five hours a day at the dining room table and that does not include the midnight buffet or lunch served on the deck.

To keep you entertained after dinner there is a different show each night. The shows on the *Oceanic* ranged from a stand-up comic to a young singing group.

During the late hours there is the disco to keep you going until 3 a.m.

While the public rooms on board a ship tend to be large and lavish, the room accommodations tend to be small and simple.

Contrary to what you see on TV's "Love Boat" the staterooms usually consist of two twin beds (some ships do

have doubles) and a bathroom.

Cruising is a good dollar value when you consider for one price you receive transportation, accommodations, food and entertainment. The only extras are for drinks, shore excursions and tips.

Currently most cruise ships are offering free air fare to the ports of departure which makes a cruise even a better value.

If it sounds like I am enthusiastic about cruising (on a ship that is) I am.

I love standing on the deck breathing in that fresh sea air and watching the blue sea pass by. It is so relaxing I forget about work back in Sacramento.

Although I recommend taking a cruise and have enjoyed the ones I have been on, cruising is not for everyone.

Shipboard life is a microcosm of the straight world and few gays participate in this type of cruising.

I have never felt uncomfortable on a cruise but you meet few gay people. Usually those you do meet are part of the cruise staff.

If you are interested in a cruise I am sure there is a ship to match your interest. With over 25 ships plying the waters off North America you can find one to suit your age group and interests.

For a real life fantasy you just might consider taking a cruise. \*

## River City Family Elects Officers, Sets Activities For '83

Paul Schierenberg was elected Director of Our River City Family at the social organization's February potluck. Also elected were Larry Dunlap, secretary; Rick Yadon, treasurer; and Charles Preston, historian. The office of Assistant Director remains vacant.

Rob Eagan was appointed social chair and Dennis Elliott was appointed cultural chair, but numerous other appointive and liaison positions remain open. Schierenberg is seeking individuals interested in filling the available offices; call him at 447-1065.

Approximately 80 people attended the potluck and business meeting. ORCF's new officers called this evidence of a continuing need for the organization. Saying that ORCF is "one of the most positive organizations in existence," they indicated their commitment to provide more diverse activities and increased involvement in the gay community.

The group, open to women and men, sponsors a potluck on the first Saturday of each month. The next potluck, on April 2, will be held at the home of Rob Eagan and Tom Smith. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a beverage and a food dish. Large parties should bring commensurate amounts of food and drink, to ensure enough for everyone. For more information and directions, call Schierenberg (447-1065), Eagan (962-3083), or Charles Preston (391-1362). \*

## 56 Women's Groups Blast Reagan Administration's Inadequate Jobs Bill And Employment Policies

Leaders of 56 national women's organizations said March 16 that President Reagan's policies deliberately harm women and that the major jobs bill in Congress is unbalanced in providing almost no work for women.

According to an Associated Press report, Eleanor Holmes Norton, former chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, spoke for the organizations at a news conference in Washington.

She said that Reagan's policies demonstrate an insensitivity to women at every stage of their lives — "the married woman whose family has been afflicted by the recession, the single female head of household in a constant struggle to support her children, the young girl who can't find a job after years invested in her education and the older woman alone who can no longer afford to live in decency."

Norton made public a report, "Inequality of Sacrifice: The Impact of the Reagan Budget on Women," prepared by a coalition of women's groups ranging from the American Nurses Association to the Organization of Pan-Asian Women.

"The cumulative effect of the administration's budgets of the last three years is one of continued pain," the 82-page document said. "These effects can no longer charitably be seen as unintended consequences of budgetary actions."

Responding to questions, Norton said the organizations were appalled by the impact of the anti-recession jobs bill on women job seekers. The bill has passed the House and is now before the Senate.

Norton said that women recognize the need for improvements to the nation's highways, bridges, and other public

works, but "these are the most sex-stereotyped jobs in the society. We expect only a small portion of these jobs to go to women."

"This bill could have been proposed in any era," she added. "We would have thought that in the 1980s there would have been a more balanced jobs bill."

The House version of the bill, approved by a 324-95 vote March 3, is intended to provide 400,000 jobs and funds for emergency housing, food and health care to victims of the recession. The Senate is debating a similar version.

Many of the same conclusions were arrived at in an analysis of Reagan's budget proposals issued by the Women's Research and Education Institute of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

"Women, particularly poor women with children, would bear the brunt of the cuts proposed by the administration," the second report said.

"These are the same people who were disproportionately affected by earlier reductions in spending for Aid for Dependent Children, Medicaid, food stamps, child nutrition programs and the like."

Norton said the Reagan administration has become more sensitive to women but has adopted the wrong solution — one of symbolic appointment of a few women to high position.

"We believe that is our due," she said of the appointment of women, "but what we look to the president for are policies that affect millions of women."

She added: "You're dealing in the White House with a bunch of insensitive men and, judging from the comments of women working in the White House, well, insensitive women, too." \*

## AIDS/KS Group Raises Funds, Starts Programs, Opens Office

The Sacramento AIDS/Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, established only two months ago as a chapter of the San Francisco-based Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, has been busy raising funds, starting patient support services, establishing community education projects, and renting an office.

The Sacramento community had rallied to raise \$7,535.05 as of March 16. The foundation has placed the money in a money-market checking account where it will earn approximately 9 percent interest yearly.

Also as of March 16, the foundation reported that the only expenses against the total amount raised were for a post office box and for copying services. Board members and other individuals working to get the foundation established have absorbed all other expenses.

Other fund-raisers are in the works, including GNIE's April 4 Bingo Night at the Mercantile Saloon. GNIE will also donate to the AIDS/KS Foundation \$1 from each ticket sold to Coronation '83, set for April 16 at the Turn Verein Hall. Any funds raised by candidate seeking election to Court offices will also be donated to the foundation.

Patient services are now being developed. Psychologist Ed Hall is beginning a free support group for AIDS patients. For more information, call 362-6118 and ask for Hall.

Training for individual volunteers who wish to provide support to AIDS patients begins April 1. More support groups are being organized and will be publicized as they become available.

Physicians Harvey Thompson and Sandy Pomerantz and psychologist Marty Rogers have made educational presentations at the Western Regional Lesbian/Gay Student Conference, held at CSUS March 13, and at the March 23 meeting of Man Two Man.

The next forum on AIDS is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, in the State Capitol annex from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Drs. Thompson and Pomerantz have also conducted a number of educational presentations on the diagnosis and epidemiology of AIDS to doctors and medical staff in the greater Sacramento area. Through their efforts, the medical community is being informed of new developments regarding the disease.

Pomerantz and Thompson have also contributed much time and effort to education of the non-gay majority population through newspaper, radio, and television interviews and appearances. In the process, they have fielded difficult and sensitive questions about AIDS and gay lifestyles.

The AIDS/KS Foundation will open an office at 2115 J Street, Suite 3, on Friday, April 1. With the opening of the office, the foundation has many needs for donated equipment and supplies. To donate such items, contact the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation, P.O. Box 162266, Sacramento 95816.

In a statement released March 16, the interim board of directors of the foundation expressed its wish "to thank those of you have lent such positive support to this effort. Unfortunately, this disease is

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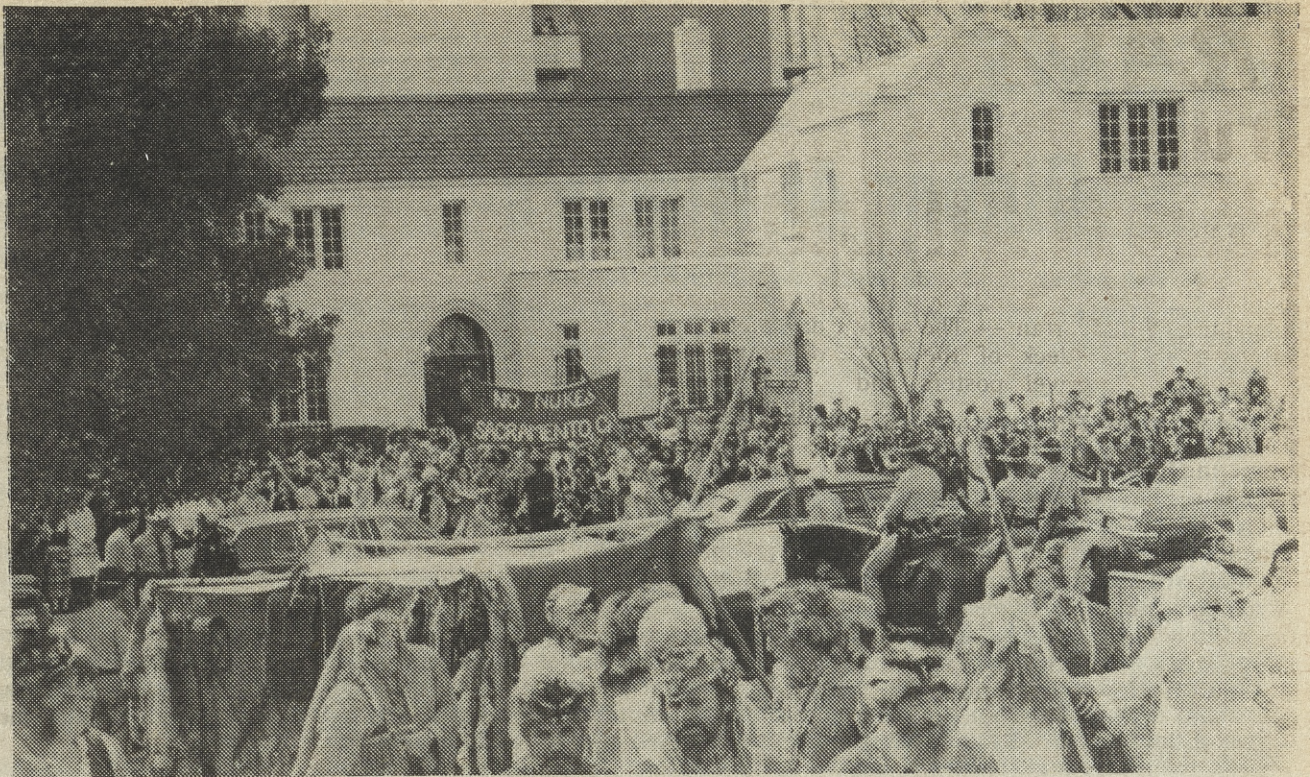




# Elizabeth II Tries Life In The Old West

Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain paid a visit to one of Lavender Heights' historical landmarks during her recent tour of California. The Queen and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited Sutter's Fort, where Captain John Sutter himself (portrayed by a costumed actor) gave them a guided tour of the western outpost. Tight security was evident, along with a few protesters, as the British monarch greeted the Sacramento residents who came to get their first glimpse of hereditary royalty.

Photos By Katie Tavares



## State Is Distributing To Physicians Pamphlets Outlining Women's Choices For Decisions About Breast Cancer Treatment; Woman's Fight Pays Off

After a delay of more than two years, the state is sending doctors a brochure telling women with breast cancer about alternatives to breast removal, the Associated Press reported on March 1.

The state law requiring that breast cancer patients be told of their options took effect Jan. 1, 1981. Since then, the proposed brochure has been rewritten 29 times by the state Cancer Advisory Council, said Juliet Ristom, the Los Angeles woman whose case led to passage of the law.

"Originally it was slanted toward mastectomies," she said.

Ristom and others who represented patients' rights fought doctors on the council for a more balanced brochure, and wound up with a publication that left her "90 percent happy," she said.

Ristom was diagnosed as having breast cancer in July 1979. Her doctor

had already reserved an operating room for a mastectomy the next morning; when she asked him about alternatives, he replied, "What alternatives?"

Although she knew nothing about other therapies at the time, after 11 days of research, she arranged to have a lesser operation that removed only the tumor, got radiation treatments, and has kept her breast with no ill effects.

According to Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti, D-Los Angeles, author of the bill, it was the second law of its kind in the nation. He said the brochure was the first of its kind.

The purpose was to "enable women to make more informed choices" and to cut down on the number of unnecessary mastectomies, Roberti said.

He said a doctor who failed to give the brochure to a breast cancer patient would be guilty of a misdemeanor and

could also be sued for malpractice.

The five-page pamphlet describes the standard medical treatments for breast cancer:

- Radical mastectomy, in which the entire breast and underlying chest muscles are removed. The brochure says it is used only in "unusual cases."
- The much more common "modified" radical mastectomy, in which the breast and some nearby tissue are removed but chest muscles are left intact.
- Simple mastectomy, in which only the breast is removed.
- Lesser operations, in which only a portion of the breast or only the tumor itself is removed.
- Radiation therapy, either alone or as a supplement to surgery.
- Drug or hormonal treatments, either

alone or as a supplement to other types of therapy.

The brochure lists each treatment's advantages and disadvantages. It says lesser surgeries have the advantage of preserving the breast, but that "most cancer specialists feel these procedures may be incomplete" without removal of armpit lymph nodes for examination, and without radiation therapy, either alone or with drugs.

The brochure informs women their consent is required before any treatment. It says they have "enough time to make a careful decision" but that "prolonged delay" could increase the risks.

Roberti said women can get the brochures from their doctors or by writing the State of California Publications Section, P.O. Box 1015, North Highlands, Ca. 95660.



## ITEMS

## Dinner At Nicole's

By RICK VAN DYKE

It had been a long time—several years—since I'd eaten dinner at Nicole's, but a friend was telling me how good it was, so the other night we gave it a try. What a treat! In the early evening (dinner service starts at 6) the place was virtually empty, so we could sit anywhere we liked without fear of getting smoked out. The menu is about evenly divided between meat and fish entrees. Though sorely tempted by the rack of lamb for two (\$32), we both selected fish: he, the fresh halibut in chive sauce; I, the salmon in sorrel sauce (\$11.95 each). Both were superb. The sauces were delicate and flavorful, the pan-sauteed fish fillets creamy-textured and perfectly done. The accompanying asparagus spears and rice pilaf were also tasty and cooked just right. To start, I chose the salad, with tart and creamy dill dressing, while he had the soup, leek and potato of exemplary smoothness and flavor. A medium-bodied, full-flavored, dry white zinfandel from Amador Foothill Winery complemented both fishes. (The wine list is extensive, carefully chosen, and a tad pricey—mostly in the \$9-\$18 range.) Only my chocolate mousse pie, "made by the chef's mother," was less than entirely satisfactory: for my taste, it was too dense and too sweet. The service was attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, without a trace of that arrogant obsequiousness that so often is passed off as elegance. Some nights, you might need reservations; call 441-7815. Located at 2815 J Street, Nicole's has a convenient parking lot next door, surrounded by the kitchen garden, where we saw the chef plucking the herbs for the evening's sauces and seasonings.

I wonder how Greg Gorges, the Director of the Sacramento AIDS/Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, felt when he saw his name printed as "Gregory Googles" as the signature on a letter printed in the March issue of Mom...Guess What!

Congratulations to Ed Hall, newly-elected President of the Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Mental Health Professionals. Ed will preside over his first meeting Sunday, March 27, when the group will hear a presentation by Cynthia Clinkingbeard from the Lesbian Health Clinic in San Francisco.

The National Activists' Union of Gays and Lesbians is planning a National Strategy Conference this summer in San Francisco. They invite all lesbian and gay activists to a conference planning meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia St., San Francisco. For information, call J.J. Zenger at (405) 861-7449.

The Showcase Theatre is presenting "Reel Spoofs," a laugh-filled program of short films that parody hit movies, on Tuesday, March 29. Show times are 2:50, 4:55, 7, and 9:05 p.m. The films include "Illegal Alien," "My Donut with Annie," and "The Good, the Bad, and the Furry."

Sacramento's new lesbian/gay River City Democratic Club will hold its first general meeting at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, at the Incredible Edible, 1401 Alhambra Blvd. For more information, call 456-2420.

The Capital City Squares, Sacramento's gay square dance group, is starting a new Monday night beginners' class for people who want to learn the 48 basic steps of square dancing. The first class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the Parking Lot, 2804 Auburn Blvd. The Squares still meet there Tuesday nights at 7, and everyone is welcome to come and watch.

Earhart's Cafe, 1905 16th Street, presents "New Works in Clay and Paper" by Bobbie Altman April 4 through April 29, with an opening reception Sunday, April 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. Earhart's hours are 10 till 3 Mondays, and 10 till 10 Tuesdays through Fridays.

The Sacramento Men's Collective has struck another blow against sexism, sending a letter to Channel 40 to protest the station's billboard advertising "Charlie's Angels." The billboard, north of I-80 between downtown and the American River, shows a woman's bare legs shod in high-heeled shoes straddling a pistol. Stupid and distasteful.

Attorney Phil Hoskins will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays on Tuesday, April 5. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave.

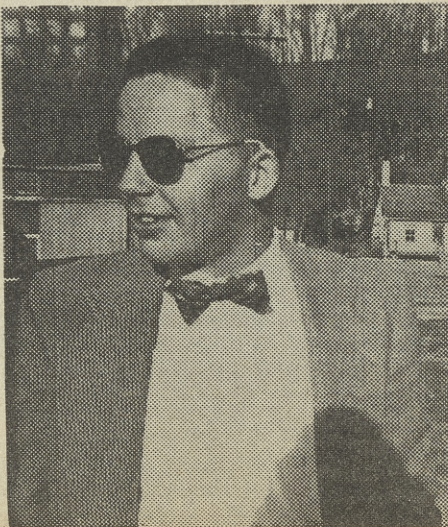
We hear that Sacramento's well-known and sometimes controversial "Mistresses of Leather and Love," Carole and Kathy, have moved to San Francisco. We wish them well—they accomplished a lot here in River City.

About 40 people turned out on the evening of March 21 for the River City Business Association's installation dinner at The Forum. Thanks to Sherry for a sumptuous buffet, and to City Councilor Ann Rudin for installing the new officers. Incoming President Norv Giles presented certificates of appreciation to the outgoing officers and announced the business group's annual community awards. The 1982 Community Achievement Award went to the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club, the Community Service Award went to Gay Vote '82, and the Business of the Year Award went to Club 21.

The Minnesota Lesbian/Gay Committee of the International Gay Olympic Association has been successful in their bid to host the 1986 International Lesbian/Gay Winter Olympics in and around Minneapolis-St. Paul. That should be exciting news for local ski enthusiasts.

Ann Bannon, author of the classic "Beebo Brinker" lesbian novels, will read from her work and discuss the times and locales that shaped it at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at La Semilla. Lioness Books is sponsoring her appearance.

The Blue Mango Cafe, 330 G Street in Davis, has scheduled a week of women performers for Women's Awareness Week, April 10-16. Among them are Ty Chanson on April 14, Robbie Fuller on April 15, and Heart & Sole on the 16th.\*



Rick Van Dyke

## 'Cruise To Win' Is Shallow Psychology For (Author's) Fun And Profit

"Cruise to Win, A Guide for Gay men" by Lenny Giteck — Pantera Press, San Francisco. \$10.95.

Reviewed by RICK RUMAN

I knew my copy of Lenny Giteck's *Cruise to Win* had arrived when I opened my mail box and saw the obligatory plain brown envelope sealed with duct tape. Eager to be the first in Sacramento to read this book (which promised to tell me why the best looking man in a bar might be eager to go home with me) and have every man at my mercy, I rushed into my apartment, struggled with the duct tape, decided it was hopeless, and tore open the package. Inside, the book was wrapped in plain blue wrapper and sealed with still more tape (blue vinyl). It wasn't until the following morning that I was rested enough to actually begin reading.

When I did begin reading, I was distressed. For my \$10.95 plus tax, I had received a book, graphics courtesy of GEMCO generic foods, which consists mainly of the opinions and first-person accounts of Giteck's friends and associates: what they do and what they think the rest of us ought to do to win friends and influence enemies. Some of the opinions are highly qualified; others are not.

As for the promised techniques for meeting the man of my dreams, all 250 pages of the book can be condensed thusly: go where you are likely to meet him; get up the nerve to talk to him; don't be discouraged if he doesn't respond. Repeat as necessary. This is a book that proves once again that it is easier to say it (over and over) than to do it (even once).

There are some interesting observations here, but don't buy the book expecting to have a pocket reference of 10 fool-proof pickup techniques. The book is too large to fit into the pocket of

any shirt you might care to wear in public.

Instead, if you, as I used to (and still sometimes do), have trouble starting and maintaining conversations, I suggest you read *Conversationally Speaking* by Alan Garner (McGraw-Hill Paperbacks \$5.95). Although Garner concentrates mainly on heterosexual situations (as he might be expected to), all the techniques he suggests can be applied to any situation in which you might want to approach someone — whether you are gay, lesbian, or straight. And, they work. I know. I've tried them.

In the meantime, here are some excerpts from my own forthcoming book *Cruising to Win Me* in which I offer advice on how others might approach me.

1. Do not come up to me and say "How do you like your eggs in the morning?" or "Shall I call you for breakfast or just nudge you?" There is not a gay man alive today who is old enough to remember when these lines were considered clever (if they ever were).

2. If you ask me "Do you come here often," and I say, "No, I usually wait until I get home with someone," do not look at me blankly; laugh or smile. I like to imagine myself clever.\*

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not going to go away, and we have a long battle ahead of us. Let us stick together, because as time goes by we will all need each other's support in getting through this."

The board also released the following breakdown of income:

Wreck Room raffle, \$3,284.00; Wreck Room employees, \$1,000.00; Club 21 fundraiser, \$244.00 (not including collected pledges); Pledges received, \$777.00 (including \$300 raised by Mercantile employees at their auction); Mercantile employees' auction, \$462.55; Bobbette's taco feed, \$200.00; GNIE bingo (Feb. and March) \$264.00; Chuck

and Bobbette's kabob dinner, \$153.00; Allen Ferrari memorial, \$1,035.50; Wreck Room memorial for Ray Camar, \$50.00; Other individual contributions, \$65.00.\*

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